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## TWO SCORE ARE DEAD IN WRECKED SPECIAL

Another Awful Disaster Occurs on the Pere Marquette--Happens Near Plymouth, Michigan--  
35 Bodies Recovered.

Train Filled with Laughing Excursionists is Suddenly Altered to Inferno of Death--Many Burn Alive

Plymouth, Mich., July 20.—Twelve coaches, heavily loaded with laughing and happy employees on the Pere Marquette railroad were spinning along near Salem, Michigan, this morning, when the special crashed into a coal train. Twenty-two dead bodies at this hour have been taken from the wreckage. More than 65 are injured. Many of

this number will not live, so terribly are they mangled or scalded. Many bodies are believed to be still burning in the wreckage. Of 12 cars, seven were crushed to splinters.

With wild shrieks, the pleasure seekers suddenly faced doom. A quick, churning, rasping sound, sharp, shrill gusts of steam, and scores were lying buried in scalding water or burning cars.

In this awful moment of realization, those who were left with senses were driven almost to madness. The scene about the flaming day coaches was one beyond description. Girls, men, women and children were like so many pieces of driftwood.

Grover J. Clark, of Ionia, time-

keeper in the Pere Marquette shops, a passenger in the wrecked train, who had a miraculous escape from death, says:

"The train was crowded to the doors. It was a happy, jolly crowd. Without a second's warning the crash came. The sight swims before my eyes, but I can't describe it. It is maddening. I saw my fellow employees bleeding to death with great jagged holes in their bodies, their arms torn off, and no one to do a thing for them. The freight train was supposed to make a siding and wait for the excursion due at Salem at 9:15. But when we got there, there was no freight and the train thundered through. We were speared from Ionia clear through to Detroit and not scheduled to make a stop."

### BULLETIN.

Detroit, July 20.—Latest reports from the wreck says 35 bodies have already been removed and the number of dead will exceed this. The dead and injured are from Ionia, where the excursion started.

## SERMON UNCOVERS A PREACHER'S INIQUITY

Minister Moves Congregation with Discourse on Pure Living and Conscience Stricken Women Betrays Him to Officials.

Lincoln, Neb., July 20.—Disgraced by the force of his own eloquence, Rev. W. P. Ferguson, pastor of the First Methodist church of University Place, a suburb, was suspended from the church today for relations with Mrs. Jane Cross, a member of his congregation, with whom he boarded.

Last Sunday morning, Mr. Ferguson delivered one of the most powerful sermons which his congregation ever had heard. Its subject was pure living. With all the force and eloquence that years of pulpit speaking—he is 50 years old—had taught him, Mr.

Ferguson appealed to the men and women of his flock to live clean lives. Mrs. Cross was in the congregation. Like his other hearers, she was deeply moved. She went to the members of the church board the next day and confessed that she and Mr. Ferguson had been guilty of the very offense which the pastor had warned his charge against. It was the erring minister's own sermon which had induced her to confess.

Seven Methodist clergymen from near-by churches were called together and a two-days' trial was held, which ended this afternoon with Mr. Ferguson's suspension.

## OHIO ELKS WIN THE LAURELS AT PHILLIE

Several of the Big Prizes go to Buckeye Lodges—Toledo Takes First and Second—Cincy a First Elks Teeth Tabooed.

Philadelphia, July 20.—The grand lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks closed its business sessions Friday and the convention, which has drawn thousands of visitors to this city, is at an end. A feature of the proceedings in the grand lodge session was the discussion of the movement to prevent the slaughter of elk that their teeth might be secured for emblems. A committee was appointed, calling upon members of the order to cease wearing elk teeth as emblems until the committee returns its report, was passed after a warm debate.

The committee on contests and awards late Friday night announced the following prize awards:

Lodges making best appearance in line—First prize, \$300, Toledo; second, \$150, Detroit; third, \$100, El Paso.

Lodges appearing in unique uniform—First, \$500, El Paso; second, \$150, Scranton; third, \$100, Boston.

Lodges displaying the most attractive floats—First, \$300, Cincinnati; second, \$200, Asbury Park; third, \$100, Orange, N. J.

Best drill corps, participating in the drill contests—First, \$500, Cherry Pickers, Toledo; second, \$300, Arabs, Detroit.

Special prizes—Fattest elk: George C. Mountcastle, Richmond, Va., \$25. Leanest elk: J. Ed. Nola, Pasadena, Cal., \$25. Tallest elk: Carl M. Koenig, Sacramento, Cal., \$25. Smallest elk: Jerry D. Sullivan, Rosbury, Ore., \$25. Largest band in line, Guadalupe Military band of Mexico, which accompanied El Paso lodge, \$500; Ringold band, of Reading, second \$150.

Most beautiful banner—McKeesport lodge, McKeesport, Pa., \$150.

Largest number of women accompanying lodges from further than 75 miles—First prize, Cincinnati, \$250; second, Brooklyn, \$150; third, Easton, \$100.

Before adjournment, the lodge elected Colonel Albert J. Holley, of Hackensack, N. J., grand trustee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John O. O'Shea, who died yesterday. Judge Henry Melvin, the retiring grand exalted ruler, was presented at the session with a handsome portrait of himself. The portrait was the gift of the Philadelphia lodge.

Prominent visiting Elks were entertained at Valley Forge during the day, where an address was delivered by United States Senator Knox, whose residence adjoins Washington's camp grounds.

The records show that 79,000 persons registered at the registration building provided for the membership of the order and their ladies.

Of the thousands of persons overcome by heat while watching the parade yesterday about 100 spent the night in hospitals. Many of them were discharged today. The number of deaths due more or less directly to the heat and humidity amounted to four, and there are about a dozen cases considered serious by the hospital physicians. The dead were residents of the city, and two still in a serious condition are also Philadelphians. The fact that the death list is so small is probably due to the prompt relief given by the authorities who were prepared for a large number of cases.

### SUICIDE GRIEVES OVER NAVAL HERO'S DEATH

New York, July 20.—Grief over the death of Lieutenant Chester R. Goodrich, one of the victims of the disaster on the Battleship Georgia, is today assigned as the cause of the supposed suicide of Miss Laura D. Ronaldson, found dead in her bachelor apartment at the La Porte apartment house, late Friday. A photograph of the young naval hero was so placed upon a mantel as to be the last object upon which the eyes of the girl must have fallen as she sent the fatal bullet into her brain.

### MAGILLS ARE NOT GUILTY

Sheriff Is Told To Release Man And Wife Today

Clinton Ill., July 20.—State's Attorney Miller today admits that he has no evidence against either Fred Magill or Fay Magill, his bride arrested upon Miller's presentation of charges in connection with the suicide of Magill's first wife. Miller is on verge of collapse as a result of storm which burst about his head following the arrest of Magill's in San Diego, California.

Miller will wire Sheriff Campbell, who went to California to bring back prisoners to release them at once. Miller blames gossippers here and Chicago newspapers for the action he took against the Magills. Citizens are indignant at the arrest and public opinion as stated in United Press dispatches from here, has always declared that there was no chance of convicting banker.

### AMERICAN IS SHOT BY GUATEMALANS

Mexico City, July 20.—Plutarch Bowen, said to be an American, has been kidnapped from Mexican soil and shot by Guatemalan troops, according to a dispatch from Tapachula, Mexico. Bowen was accused of treason against the Cabrera administration.

### FILIPINOS TAKE STEP TOWARD INDEPENDENCE

The first step toward Filipino independence is being taken in the Philippine archipelago, today, in election of a house of representatives.

### NEGRO PYTHIANS CAN NOT GET CHARTERS IN SOUTH

Atlanta, July 20.—The state supreme court in a decision handed down late today, held that the negro Knights of Pythias should not be allowed to secure a charter from the state.

### NATIONAL BANK CLOSED TODAY

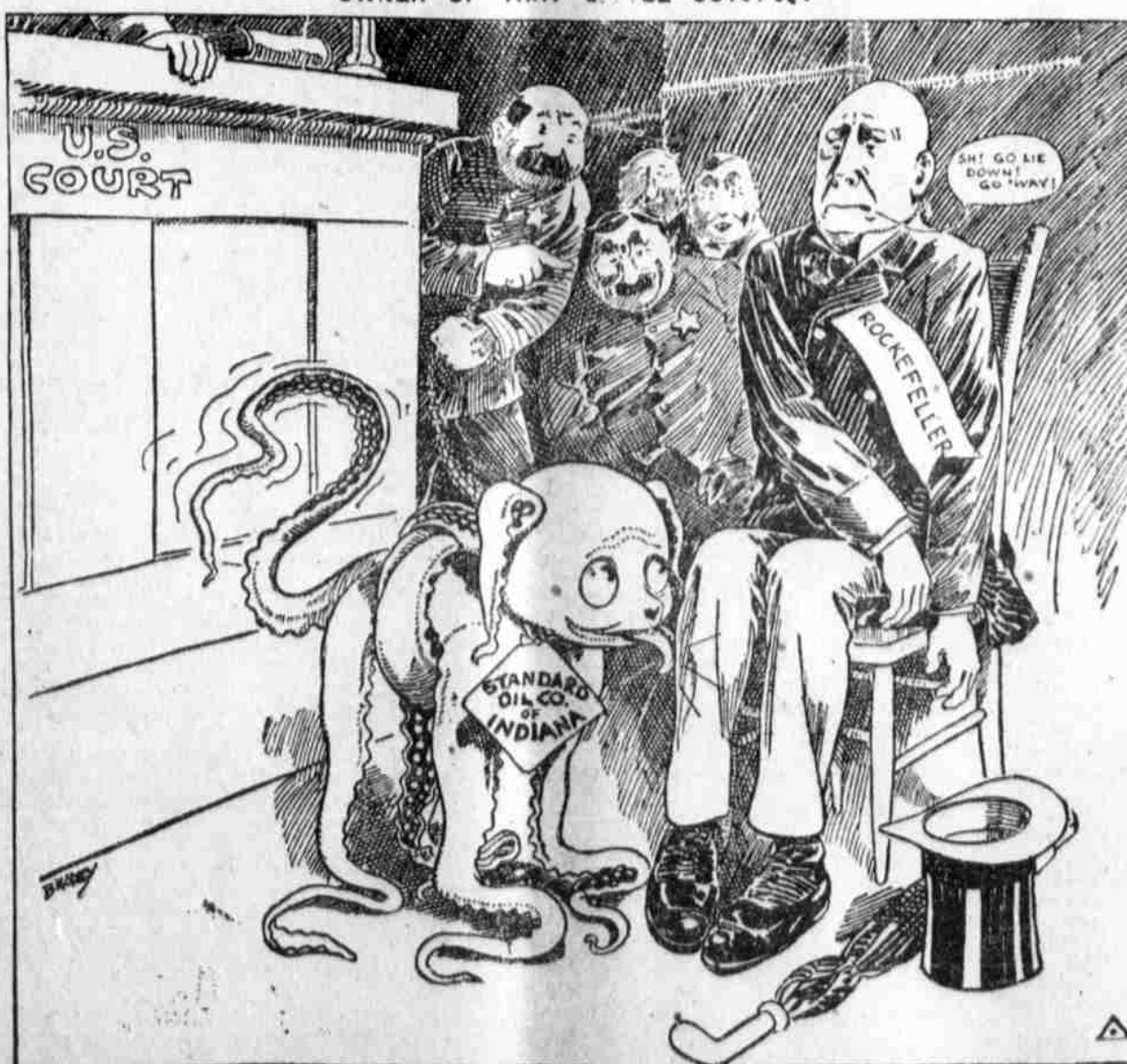
Washington, July 20.—The Comptroller of currency announces, that the Farmers' National bank of Boyertown, Pa., as closed today by his direction upon a report of Examiner Bigham, showing it insolvent.

## RIOT FOLLOWS KOREAN EMPEROR'S ABDICATION

Troops Break Out of Barracks and Attack Japanese—Are Joined by the Populace—Is Claimed Japs Degrade Koreans.

Detroit, July 20.—The issuing of an injunction restraining strikers at the Great Lakes Engine Ring Works from interfering with strike-breakers, precipitated a big riot here this morning. Five hundred strike sympathizers set upon and beat 100 strike breakers on their way to work. The police were taken unawares, and had only four men on guard. Officer Otto Wandrie was badly beaten with his own baton. He fired his revolver as a signal for help, when the rioters took it from him. Several shots were fired by the strike-breakers and one man was wounded. A hundred special policemen were rushed to the scene and more head breaking followed. A dozen rioters were arrested.

NO DOUBT IT WAS EMBARRASSING TO BE RECOGNIZED IN OPEN COURT AS OWNER OF THAT LITTLE OCTOPUS.



## CONTEST MAKES GREAT PROGRESS

More Than One Hundred Thousand Votes Cast For First Two Weeks and Total Vote For Next Two Weeks Will no Doubt be Many Times Greater.

Total Vote Yesterday Exceeded Twelve Thousand Mark and There Were Several Interesting Changes Effectuated in Positions—Two Thousand Extra Votes Given Candidates Who Stand First in Each of Different Districts After Count Next Friday Evening—Candidates Who Get Extra Votes Will Have Campaigns Put on Such a Foundation as Will be Easy to Build From.

Balloting in the great \$1500 voting contest of the Marion Mirror grows livelier with each succeeding day and yesterday a total of more than twelve thousand votes were deposited in the ballot box to the credit of the different contenders for the prizes.

Mrs. Marcellus Kerstetter, in district one, was the best vote-getter for the day and this candidate now has more than thirteen thousand votes to her credit. She leads at the present time in the competition for the grand prize, the \$650 Reo automobile.

Mrs. H. A. Bigford, in district two, was the second best supported candidate yesterday and materially strengthened her hold on the initial position in her district. In this district which is now led by Mrs. Bigford several interesting changes were made as a result of the balloting yesterday. Miss Marie Stuber received an excellent vote and moved up one position in the list, passing Miss May Sweeney. Mrs. L. E. Nebel, who footed the list in this district last evening, was also a good vote getter, and moved up from the bottom to sixth place in the list.

Mrs. J. Reidenbaugh, who leads district three also received a good vote yesterday and now has almost ten thousand votes to her credit. Miss Gertrude Gibson, also in district three, had quite a few votes in the ballot box and increased her total vote somewhat.

Today marks the close of the second week of the contest and to show to what extent success has marked its progress, it is only necessary to state that already a total of 11,106 votes has been cast for those candidates whose names appear in the list. With the interest at its present very keen state, there is every probability that the next two weeks will bring out a vote three times greater than the total vote already cast.

The ballot box in the office of the Marion Mirror for the reception of all ballots has now become one of the

greatest centers of interest in the city. Candidates and supporters of the various candidates may be seen calling at any hour of the day and depositing their votes. From the time that the ballot box is placed in position in the morning to receive the ballots until it is taken in the evening the balloting goes along at a lively pace.

People of the city have become interested to a remarkable degree. Many have become so anxiously interested that they are unable to wait until the paper comes off the press in the evening to learn the results of the previous day's balloting. Naturally the telephones are kept ringing pretty generally throughout the day and whenever the office telephones ring, it is a safe guess that it is an interested friend of one or other of the candidates who wishes to learn how the candidates stand.

Interest of the candidates and their friends now centers in the winning of the special credit of 2,000 extra votes next Friday evening. Candidates in each of the seven different districts who stand first after the count is made next Friday evening will be given 2,000 extra votes each. All candidates should strive to get the extra votes, for the candidates who win them will have their campaigns put on such a foundation as will be easy to build from. It will put the winning candidates that much nearer the coveted goal.

There is no reason why candidates not at present up among the leaders should feel discouraged. The votes given with but a few new yearly subscriptions would put any new candidate right up among the leaders if not right to the top of the list. And the success of the other candidates in answering a big vote with a little personal effort should indicate what can be done by devoting a little time and work to the contest.

Anyone interested either personally or for a friend should call up the contest department of the Marion Mirror, Marion, Ohio.

## SINGLE BALLOT COUNTING ONE VOTE

MARION MIRROR \$1500 CONTEST.

For Miss or Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

This ballot to be counted must be carefully trimmed around border and deposited in ballot box unfolded.

VOID AFTER  
JULY 27.

## TO LYNCH PRISONERS

Mob Makes Attack but is Driven Back by Soldiers.

Hannville, La., July 20.—An unsuccessful attempt was made early this morning by a mob to lynch the Italians who are under conviction of the Lamana murder. About 100 armed men approached the jail. They did not believe the soldiers would actively defend the jail but were soon undeceived. When they advanced, the soldiers started after them with fixed bayonets. The mob ran. The soldiers chased them out of town and danger was over.

### COUNTESS ROSSLYN GETS DIVORCE DECREE

Edinburgh Scotland, July 20.—A divorce was today granted to Countess Rosslyn, formerly Anna Robinson an American chorus girl. Anna Robinson is a daughter of a Minneapolis hotel proprietor. She first came into prominence as a Weber and Fields chorus girl and made a great hit in New York.

### COLONEL AYRES RETIRED BECAUSE HE IS SICK

New York July 20.—Colonel Chas. D. Ayres, U. S. Army brought into prominence by his wife's exclusion from the parade grounds at West Point and the colonel's subsequent statement apropos of the affair, was today declared incapable of service in the army as a result of Bright's Disease.